

House Resolution 797

By: Representatives Holt of the 112th, Brooks of the 63rd, Collins of the 95th, and Lunsford of the 110th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of the Honorable Jack Hays Morgan, Sr.; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
4 with the passing of the Honorable Jack Hays Morgan, Sr., on March 3, 2009; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Morgan was born on May 2, 1919, in Newton County, Georgia, and was
6 known as a charitable, fair minded, and dedicated community leader and a forward-thinking
7 entrepreneur his entire life; and

8 WHEREAS, as a young man with no resources to his name, Mr. Morgan took any work
9 offered, from picking peaches to delivering bread, until his first break came in the form of
10 a job at Bibb Manufacturing Company in Porterdale, Georgia, where he would meet his
11 future bride, Barbara Mizell Davis; and

12 WHEREAS, after a wartime stint in the United States Navy, Mr. Morgan began farming his
13 beloved acreage on the Alcovy River and founded Morgan Timber Company, now 65 years
14 old, to usher in Newton County's post-war development and building boom; and

15 WHEREAS, over the years, Mr. Morgan expanded his forestry and agricultural pursuits to
16 include wide-ranging retail, development, and real estate ventures; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Morgan's lifelong interest in politics and public service gave rise to his
18 election to the Georgia House of Representatives in 1961 and his election as Newton County
19 Commission Chairman in 1970, a post later held by his son, the late Davis Carter Morgan,
20 and today by his daughter-in-law, Kathryn G. Morgan; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Morgan was a devoted man of faith and an active member of First United
22 Methodist Church of Covington and a loyal supporter of Luther Hays Presbyterian Church
23 in Hayston, Georgia; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Morgan was united in love and marriage to Barbara Davis for 64 years and
25 was blessed with eight children, 17 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Morgan will long be remembered for his love of family and friends, and
27 this loyal husband, father, and neighbor to all will be sorely missed by those who had the
28 great fortune of knowing him.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of the Honorable Jack Hays
31 Morgan, Sr., and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Jack Hays
34 Morgan, Sr.